

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1, 3, 6-7, 12, 19-32, and 34-46 are all the claims pending in the application. Claim 1 has been amended to better capture the envisioned commercial embodiment, and claims 47-48 have been canceled, because the elements of these claims have been incorporated into claim 1. Support for the claim amendments can be found throughout the specification and originally filed claims. For example, support for the current claim amendment can be found in at least Figures 3A, 3B, and 3D, Examples 1-4, and paragraphs [0012], [0017], [0019]-[0020], [0021], [0044], [0057], [0058], and [0060] of U.S. Published Application No. 2005/0113657. Accordingly, no new matter has been introduced by these amendments to claims.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter with respect to previous claim 48, which was dependent upon claim 47. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of previous claims 47 and 48. Applicants assert that claim 1 and all dependent thereon, are allowable.

In accordance, with the requirements of MPEP §713.04, the undersigned telephoned the Examiner on or about 9 July 2008 to confirm the allowability of subject matter, as indicated in the May 19th Office Action, and to discuss amendments for capturing the allowable subject matter. Applicants and the undersigned would also like to thank the Examiner for her courtesy and politeness during a telephone call.

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Conclusion

Applicants have amended claim 1 to better capture the envisioned commercial embodiments to capture the indicated allowable subject matter. Applicants believe that reconsideration and allowance of this application are now in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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